

The Mount Vernon City Council met February 20, 2018 at the Mount Vernon City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Roudabush, West, Wieseler, Christensen, and Rose.

Call to Order. Mayor Jamie Hampton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval. Motion made by Wieseler, seconded by West to approve the Agenda Additions/Agenda. Carried all.

Consent Agenda. Motion made by West, seconded by Christensen to approve the Consent Agenda. Carried all.

Approval of City Council Minutes – February 5, 2018 Regular Council Meeting\Approval of Liquor License – Kernoustie Golf Club

Approval of Cigarette License – Yock's Landing

Public Hearing

Public Hearing for an Ordinance Amending and Correcting Ordinance 11-6-2017A for Providing that General Property Taxes Levied and Collected Each Year on All Property Located Within the Amended Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Area, in the City of Mount Vernon, County of Linn, Date of Iowa, by and for the Benefit of the State of Iowa, City of Mount Vernon, County of Linn, Mount Vernon Community School District, and Other Taxing Districts, be Paid to a Special Fund for Payment of Principal and Interest on Loans, Monies Advanced to and Indebtedness, Including Bonds Issued or to be Issued, Incurred by the City in Connection with the Amended Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Area (Amendment No. 5 to the Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Plan). Mayor Hampton declared the Public Hearing open.

Close Public Hearing – proceed to F-2. As there were no comments from the public Mayor Hampton closed the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing on the Proposal to Enter into a Development Agreement with Midwest Development Co. Mayor Hampton declared the Public Hearing open.

Close Public Hearing – proceed to G-1. As there were no comments from the public Mayor Hampton closed the Public Hearing.

Ordinance Approval/Amendment

Ordinance #1-15-2018A: Amending Chapter 90.03 Mandatory Connections of the Mt. Vernon Municipal Code. Nosbisch stated there were no significant changes other than a typo, and he has not received any other comments.

Motion to approve third reading and final reading. Motion made by Rose to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance #1-15-2018A, seconded by Wieseler. Christensen wanted to restate that he finds the allowance of commercial and agricultural use inappropriate. Roll call vote. Ayes: Rose, Wieseler, West, Roudabush. Nays: Christensen.

Ordinance #2-20-2018A: Amending and Correcting Ordinance 11-6-2017A for Providing that General Property Taxes Levied and Collected Each Year on All Property Located Within the Amended Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Area, in the City of Mount Vernon, County of Linn, Date of Iowa, by and for the Benefit of the State of Iowa, City of Mount Vernon, County of Linn, Mount Vernon Community School District, and Other Taxing Districts, be Paid to a Special Fund for Payment of Principal and Interest on Loans, Monies Advanced to and Indebtedness, Including Bonds Issued or to be Issued, Incurred by the City in Connection with the Amended Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Area (Amendment No. 5 to the Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Plan). Nosbisch stated this is a cleanup ordinance for a legal description that was already passed, and recommended proceeding with the approval, waive the 2nd and 3rd reading and proceed to the final reading. Motion made by Rose to approve Ordinance #2-20-2018A amending Ordinance 11-6-2017A, seconded by Wieseler. Roll call vote: Ayes Roudabush, West, Wieseler, Christensen, and Rose. Motion passes.

Motion to approve first reading and proceed with second reading (Council may suspend rules and proceed to third and final reading after a vote of the second reading). Motion made by Rose to approve suspending the rules and approve the second and third reading of Ordinance #2-20-2018A amending/correcting Ordinance 11-6-2017A. Seconded by Roudabush. Roll call vote. Ayes: Christensen, Roudabush, Rose, West, Wieseler. Motion passes.

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #2-20-2018A: Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Development Agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon and Midwest Development Co. Nosbisch stated this is the final public hearing and document between the City and Midwest Development for Spring Meadow Heights. This will be a phased development with the overall rebates up to \$675,000 over the five phases. Phase one is under construction today and does not see why they cannot reach that if everything goes well. Rose asked if construction has started. Nosbisch stated that not on housing but on infrastructure such as water and sewer. No comments from the public. Motion made by Wieseler to approve Resolution #2-20-2018A between the City and Midwest Development Co, seconded by Christensen. Roll call vote. Ayes: Wieseler, Rose, Roudabush, West, and Christensen. Motion Passes.

Motions for Approval

Consideration of Claims List – Motion to Approve. Motion by Rose to approve consideration of Claims List, seconded by West. Carried all.

AAA PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL-P&A	30.00
AIRGAS	CYLINDER RENTAL FEE-RUT,WAT,SEW	59.80
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	2,666.05
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT	1,439.74
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD	642.64
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-FD	559.79
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	142.16
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	118.69
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	51.74
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	3,913.97
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	3,886.86
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	1,532.63
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&A	677.76
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	49.40
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	43.21

ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-EMA	37.37
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	31.93
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	29.83
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	18.84
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	11.11
ALLIED GLASS PRODUCTS INC	DOOR LOCK REPAIR-FD	150.00
AVENET LLC	WEBSITE HOSTING,MAINT,SUPPORT	700.00
BAUER BUILT TIRE	TIRES-RUT	995.78
BEN BRANNAMAN	REFEREE-P&REC	195.00
CARTER RODMAN	REFEREE-P&REC	135.00
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHARGES-PD	51.41
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-FD	68.70
COGRAN SYSTEMS	ONLINE REG FEES-P&REC	104.00
COMFORT SOLUTIONS	FURNACE-WAT	2,983.25
CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCING	DARE-PD	289.10
DIESEL TURBO SERVICE	VEHICLE/EQUIP REPAIRS-RUT	117.95
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES INC	WIRELESS CONTROLS/LEAF VAC-SW	1,964.86
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES INC	F250/FLUSH SYSTEM-RUT	484.72
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES INC	FITTINGS-RUT	63.21
FRANCESCA THOMPSON	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	60.00
GALLS	UNIFORMS-PD	51.55
GOLDEN RULE CREATIONS	EMBLEMS-PD	292.28
GROUP SERVICES INC	INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	23,980.94
HAWKEYE WELD & REPAIR	PLOW REPAIR-RUT	135.77
IAMU	MEMBERSHIP-PW	832.07
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	52.20
IOWA POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION	CONFERENCE-PD	135.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS	COMPUTER MAINT-PD	561.18
IOWA SOLUTIONS	COMPUTER MAINT-P&A	250.00
JAY ARNOLD	REFEREE-P&REC	135.00
JOAN BURGE	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	60.00
JOENA'S SPECIAL NEEDS	UNIFORMS-PD	7.50
JORDAN AXTELL	REFEREE-P&REC	195.00
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	CONFERENCE-EMA	175.00
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	203.11
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	43.84
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-P&A	256.51
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-RUT	169.03
NATHAN GOODLOVE	FIRE CHIEF PAY-FD	416.67
NORTHWAY CORP	CHLORINE BOOSTER PUMP-WAT	1,833.22
OPN ARCHITECTS	WELLNESS CENTER/STUDY PHASE I	31,039.16
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	58,658.22
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE METER LEASE-ALL DEPTS	129.16
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC PRODUCTION-P&A	66.42
ROTO ROOTER	HYDRO VAC MAIN BREAK-WAT	700.00
STAPLES	TONER-P&A	362.74
STAPLES	TYPEWRITER-P&A	149.99
STAPLES	SUPPLIES-PD	19.13
STATE HYGENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	2,213.50
TASC	ADMIN FEE-ALL DEPTS	256.83
TEMP VENDOR	TOBACCO COMPLIANCE CHECK-PD	50.00
TOTAL TREE CARE	REMOVAL-RUT	1,500.00
TOTAL TREE CARE	TRIMMING-RUT	1,100.00
TOTAL TREE CARE	REMOVAL-RUT	1,000.00

TRASH STICKERS INC	50,000 TAGS-SW	1,215.00
VAN METER	EQUIPMENT-SEW	426.17
VAN METER	LED BULBS-P&A	124.98
WEX BANK	FUEL-PD,WAT,SEW	1,543.10
	TOTAL	154,646.77

Reports to be Received/Filed

Mt. Vernon Police Report. Copy of report on file at City Hall.

Mt. Vernon Public Works Report. Rose asked about the process or plan for the Ash trees in Mount Vernon. Rose asked as we prolong the life of the Ash trees is there a plan for a phased removal over time. Nobsisch stated there is a plan, as they treat the Ash trees they are taking an inventory of the condition of the Ash trees for monitoring. Nobsisch stated that the Ash trees are quite large and may not be able to be removed by City, and there is a plan in place for a removal of 5-6 trees per year as needed. Rose stated that as long as we are in a proactive mode. Nissen stated that the trees are rated in condition on a scale of 1-5 with 5 being the worst and possibly ready for removal but to keep up the inoculation to stay off the Emerald Ash Borer at this time and buy more time for the trees and prevent spreading over time. Christensen thought the inoculations and the tree removals should be placed in the budget for future expenses. Nobsisch stated that we are scheduling to remove 3-4 per year, but wanted to have a replacement plan in place as well. Nissen stated they have a plan to remove the appropriate trees and have replacement trees placed with removal. Nobsisch stated that diversification of the trees being planted is important to reduce the percentage of tree loss in the future.

Mt. Vernon Parks and Rec Report. Copy of report on file at City Hall.

Discussion Items (No Action)

Garbage Collection. Nobsisch stated that it is contract time with our current waste hauler Wapsi Waste and discussion needs to be started on how we want to move forward with a contract for the City of Mt Vernon, either with an extension or new contract with a new hauler using a bid process. Nobsisch stated that we currently have a pay as you throw program, and others may have a more automated system where there are no tags and there is a straight charge on the bill. Nobsisch stated that a straight charge for homeowners that put out 2 or more cans a week could cost less, but if your garbage amount is less than that you may end up paying more. West stated that she has talked with residents who are proud of the amount of recycling they can produce and less garbage and therefore not using tags each week. Christensen stated that the tag system promotes recycling. Nobsisch stated that with the automated system the containers come in multiple sizes and the City or the homeowner chooses the container size. West asked if there would be any change on what is recycled, such as glass separation. Christensen stated that it's dictated by the dump. Wieseler stated it's a debate on using a large hauler or company or going with a more local or smaller company. Nobsisch stated that no decisions need to be made tonight, but he must bring forward that there are other options that could be considered, but it would bring changes. Nobsisch stated that a decision would need to be made by the end of March or first part of April on the direction of either renewal or opening it up for bid. Christensen asked if there was a committee that could be used to make some decisions. Nobsisch stated there is not a designated committee for this. Christensen stated it should be a work session or committee so there is a detailed discussion that Council may not have. Nobsisch stated it's necessary to start the discussion. West asked if there were a lot of complaints on garbage costs or on pick up. Nobsisch stated the communication of the tag system is more of what he hears than on the complaint side of things. Roudabush stated

that he does not feel residents recycle glass that they should because you have to separate. It was explained that Wapsi does recycle the glass but it's separated so the hauler does not get cut by broken glass as they separate it. Rose stated that a committee would be a good idea to help to make the decision and take the time to weigh the options. Nosbisch thinks a work session may be better to discuss the amount of information to consider. Wieseler stated he would like to add composting to the discussion.

Budget. Nosbisch stated he kept it on the agenda in case there were any questions, but there are no significant changes made. Budget documents will be at the next Council meeting and have to be certified by March 15, 2018.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

City Administrator's Report. Nosbisch stated that Confluence will be here on the 21st to kick start the conversation with the landowners, who were sent letters to join the meeting or schedule a one on one meeting. Next week the Wellness Center Fund Raising Group will kick off their first meeting. Nosbisch stated he had a positive presentation to Enhance Iowa and was asked to approach Linn County for more money, which he did follow up on. He will return in March to see what progress is made on the application made. Nosbisch met with the architects to go over the numbers they provided which were spot on. Nosbisch asked if the finance committee would be willing to meet on March 5, 2018 @ 5:30 to have a conversation with EMC Insurance to see if it's worth exploring switching insurance companies. The City is currently with ICAP.

Adjournment. As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned the time being 7:31 pm, February 20, 2018.

Respectively submitted,
Meridith Hoffman
Administrative Assistant